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### **FY2025 Funding Opportunities to Promote Healthy Relationships for Youth-Hosted by the Office of Family Assistance**

Learn about federal grants for promoting healthy relationships among youth!

Join this webinar on **Thursday, December 12, 2024 from 3:30 PM-4:30 PM Eastern** hosted by the **Office of Family Assistance** to explore "Healthy Marriage and Responsible Fatherhood (HMRF)" programs. The session will cover:

- Trends in marriage and family over the past century
- The importance of healthy relationship education
- Structure, reach, and positive outcomes of HMRF programs
- Tips for preparing to apply for 2025 funding

Don't miss this opportunity!

[Learn more...](#)

## THE LATEST



### **2025 Dating Trends, Including Romance and Evolving Masculinity**

Bumble surveyed members to identify dating trends for 2025 which included redefining masculinity, prioritizing stability, and searching for romance.

[Read more...](#)



## **For the Children: Attitudes Toward Marriage and Divorce in the United States**

The deinstitutionalization of marriage suggests more support for divorce and the forgoing of marriage. In this study, we examine attitudes toward both marriage and divorce in the context of having children and how they coincide with each other, creating a new typology of attitudes.

[Read more...](#)



## **A Safe Haven Through Attachment: A Dyadic Perspective Cumulative Childhood Trauma and Relationship Satisfaction**

Cumulative childhood trauma (CCT) is linked to lower relationship satisfaction for both individuals and their partners, but romantic attachment may mitigate these effects. This study highlights the potential of attachment-focused interventions to enhance relationship well-being in couples affected by CCT.

[Read study...](#)

## NEWS YOU CAN USE



### **The Big Idea: Why We Should Take Teenage Love More Seriously**

Adolescent passions shape our future selves, and can be every bit as powerful – and perilous – as adult relationships

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### **Why It's Essential to Support Real-Life Teen Emotions in "Inside Out 2"**

"Inside Out 2" explores relatable teen emotions—Anxiety, Envy, Embarrassment, and Ennui. Once considered "bad," these emotions are now understood as valuable, with research showing they sharpen our behavior and social skills. These feelings guide both teens and adults toward better outcomes.

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### **Risk and Protective Factors for the Sexual and Reproductive Health of Young Adolescents**

This report reviews the published literature on what has been reported on risk and protective factors for early adolescent sexual and reproductive health in the recent decade.

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## TOOLS YOU CAN USE



### **Connecting Conversations**

Tips for supporting communication between parents/caregivers and their children and teens.

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### **A Guide to Applying Youth Voice: Tips to Implement Youth Voice Through a Youth Advisory Council**

This guide by the National Mentoring Resource Center provides tips for implementing youth voice through a youth advisory council.

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### **Lessons From the Love Lab**

Strong, supportive relationships are key to our mental and even physical health. But what are the keys to a healthy, loving relationship? John Gottman, PhD, and Julie Schwartz Gottman, PhD, talk about why it's so important to pay attention to your partner's "bids for connection," how to have productive rather than destructive fights, whether any couple can learn to communicate better, and why it's a myth that you should never go to bed angry.

[Listen now...](#)

## WEBINAR



*December 10, 2024*

### **The Hidden Biases of Good People: Implications for Individuals and Organizations**

*This training satisfies federal grant requirements for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Training.*

Broadly speaking, group-based bias involves varying degrees of stereotyping (exaggerated beliefs about others), prejudice (dis/liking others), and/or discrimination (unequal treatment of others) that occur above or below conscious awareness. Scholars have labeled the subconscious form of group-based bias as implicit bias.

In this provocative and highly interactive presentation, Dr. Marks will describe the science behind the causes and consequences of implicit bias and its impact on individuals and organizational outcomes. Dr. Marks will also offer practical strategies for identifying, managing, and potentially mitigating implicit bias.

This is the second workshop in an annual series of DEI trainings. You do not need to have attended the first workshop to attend the second.

**Objectives:** Participants will be able to:

- Understand the science behind implicit bias
- Recognize the impact of implicit bias on individuals and organization
- Identify personal and organizational implicit biases
- Develop strategies to manage and reduce implicit bias
- Foster a culture of inclusivity and fairness

**Presenter:** Rev. Dr. Bryant T. Marks, Sr., Professor, Morehouse College

**Who should attend:** Federal TPP, SRA, Title V, and PREP grantees, staffs of youth serving organizations, Healthy Relationship grantee staff, those who would like to learn more about themselves and improve their relationships with others.

**When:** Tuesday, December 10, 2024

**Duration:** 9:00 am to 12:00 pm Pacific/ 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm Eastern

**Cost:** \$45

\*NOTE: You may purchase multiple seats for your team at the same time. Please register each attendee individually because we will be sending out a pre-work assignment several days in advance. The attendance link will be emailed to each registrant two weeks prior to the event. These tickets are transferable but non-refundable.

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## CURRENT FUNDING STREAMS



### [Kentucky Colonels: Good Works Program](#)

**Large Application Due Date: January 10, 2025**

**Medium Application Due Date: January 24, 2025**

**Small Application Due Date: February 7, 2025**

Support available for Kentucky nonprofits organizations. The Kentucky Colonels' Good Works Program provides over \$2.5 million in grants annually to nonprofit organizations located within Kentucky. Grants focus on the following categories: community enhancement and support, education, health and rehabilitation, **life skills**, historic preservation, homelessness, **services for low-income populations and those in crisis**, services for veterans and members of the military, and **youth services**. Funding is generally limited to items that can be seen or touched.

## FORECASTED STREAMS



### Transitional Living Program

**Estimated Post Date: February 28, 2025**

**Estimated Application Due Date: May 1, 2025**

The Transitional Living Program (TLP) provides shelter and comprehensive supportive services to youth ages 16 through 21 for up to 18 months or, under extenuating circumstances, 21 months. In addition to shelter, TLPs provide comprehensive services that support participating youth's transition to self-sufficiency and stable, independent living. Through the combination of shelter and services, TLP youth are expected to show improvements in four core outcome areas: safe and stable housing, education or employment, permanent connections, and social and emotional well-being.



### Relationships, Education, Advancement, and Development for Youth for Life (Ready4Life)

**Estimated Post Date: February 28, 2025**

**Estimate Application Due Date: May 1, 2025**

The Relationships, Education, Advancement, and Development for Youth for Life (READY4Life) grants will be targeted exclusively to projects designed to provide healthy marriage and relationship education skills, parenting (for young fathers and mothers as applicable), financial management, job and career advancement, and other activities, to youth that are high-school aged (grades 9-12) or in late adolescence and early adulthood (ages 14 to 24), including parenting and/or pregnant youth.





### **Family, Relationship, and Marriage Education Works - Adults (FRAMEWorks)**

**Estimated Post Date: February 28, 2025**

**Estimate Application Due Date: May 1, 2025**

This funding will be targeted exclusively to projects designed for adult individuals or adult couples, defined as persons who are age 18 and older. Applicants will be asked to submit proposals that are designed to implement programs that include a broad array of service provision strategies. These include curriculum-based skills development and services designed to support family strengthening activities through one or more of seven activities specified under the authorizing legislation: marriage and relationship education/skills (MRES); pre-marital education; marriage enhancement; divorce reduction activities; marriage mentoring; public advertising campaigns; and activities to reduce the disincentives to marriage. ACF is interested in funding a diverse range of projects, from high impact projects, to moderate scope projects, to smaller scope projects, as well as smaller new/initial projects.



### **Fatherhood - Family-focused, Interconnected, Resilient, and Essential (Fatherhood FIRE)**

**Estimated post date: February 28, 2025**

**Estimate Application due date: May 1, 2025**

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Family Assistance (OFA) announces its plan to solicit applications for the competitive award of grants that support "activities to promote responsible fatherhood" under each of the three broad categories of promoting or sustaining marriage, responsible parenting, and economic stability activities authorized under Section 403(a)(2) of the Social Security Act. This funding will be targeted exclusively to projects designed for adult fathers, defined as fathers that are age 18 and older.